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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
 Southern District of Ohio

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
 SOUTHERN DIST. OHIO
 WEST. DIV. DAYTON

In the Matter of the Search of
 (Briefly describe the property to be searched
 or identify the person by name and address)

Priority Mail Package Tracking Number
 9505515069861313017841 postmarked November 9,
 2021

Case No. 3:21MJ408

APPLICATION FOR A WARRANT BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER RELIABLE ELECTRONIC MEANS

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property (identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location):

Priority Mail Package, 9505515069861313017841, addressed to Frederick Johnson 37 S. Burnett Springfield OH 45505, with a return address of Conner Cook 2452 Santa ana ave Costa Mesa CA 92627.
 located in the Southern District of Ohio, there is now concealed (identify the person or describe the property to be seized):

Controlled Substances, materials and documents reflecting the distribution of controlled substances through the U.S. Mails, including money and/or monetary instruments paid for controlled substances.

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is (check one or more):

- ☒ evidence of a crime;
☒ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;
☐ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;
☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of:

Code Section	Offense Description
21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1)	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
21 U.S.C. 846	Conspiracy to distribute/possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance
21 U.S.C. 843(b)	Use of a communication facility to commit a felony

The application is based on these facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

☐ Delayed notice of _____ days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: _____) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.


 Applicant's signature

Joseph L. Rossiter, U.S. Postal Inspector
 Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by
 _____ facetime (specify reliable electronic means).

Date: 11/12/2021

City and state: Dayton, OH



 Signature
 U.S. Magistrate Judge

 Printed name and title

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH OF
PRIORITY MAIL PACKAGE TRACKING
NUMBER 9505515069861313017841

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Filed Under Seal

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
AN APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT**

I, **Joseph Rossiter**, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

1. I am a United States Postal Inspector and have been since May 2016. I am presently assigned to the Cincinnati Field Office of the United States Postal Inspection Service, Pittsburgh Division, with investigative responsibility for southeast Indiana and southern Ohio. Part of my responsibility involves investigating the use of the United States Mail in the transportation of narcotics, other dangerous controlled substances, and financial proceeds from, or instrumentalities used in, the sale of such narcotics and controlled substances (hereinafter, "Drugs and/or Proceeds").

2. Based on my training and experience as a United States Postal Inspector, I have become aware that drug traffickers frequently use United States Priority Mail Express (overnight) or Priority Mail (2-3-day) to transport Drugs and/or Criminal Proceeds. Additionally, as a result of prior investigations, law enforcement training, and successful controlled-substance prosecutions involving the use of the United States Mail, I have learned of certain common characteristics and/or circumstances that indicate that a package may contain Drugs and/or Criminal Proceeds. These circumstances and/or characteristics include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: the mailer uses different post offices on the same day to send packages, the return address is false or non-existent, the addressee is not known to receive mail at the listed delivery

address, the package is heavily taped, the package is mailed from a known drug source location, the labeling information contains misspellings, the label contains an illegible waiver signature, unusual odors emanate from the package, and the listed address is located in an area of known or suspected drug activity.

3. On November 12, 2021, Postal Inspectors intercepted a package (hereinafter “the Package”) at the Cincinnati Network Distribution Center (NDC). The Package is a Priority Mail large flat rate box, bearing tracking number 9505515069861313017841, postmarked November 9, 2021, with the following address information:

Sender: Conner Cook
2452 Santa ana ave
Costa Mesa CA 92627

Addressee: Frederick Johnson
37 S. Burnett
Springfield OH
45505

Through training and experience as a Postal Inspector, I know the Southern California area is a well known source for drug shipments throughout the U.S. I also noticed an excessive amount of taping upon the Package.

4. I performed a check in CLEAR database for the addressee’s information on the Package of “Frederick Johnson 37 S. Burnett Springfield OH 45505.” CLEAR is a law enforcement database that is used as a tool for investigators designed to link subjects to a particular address. According to CLEAR, there is a “Frederick Johnson” associated with 37 S Burnett.

5. I also performed a check in CLEAR for the sender’s information listed on the Package of “Conner Cook 2452 Santa ana ave Costa Mesa CA 92627.” According to CLEAR, there is no “Connor Cook” associated with 2452 Santa Ana Ave, Costa Mesa, CA 92627.

6. On November 12, 2021, at my request, Dayton Police Department Officer Jeremy Stewart conducted a narcotics-detection canine “free air” check of the outside of the Package. I

was present during said check. The Package was placed in a controlled area and presented to narcotics-detection canine, "Weston." As set forth in the attached affidavit of Officer Stewart, "Weston" alerted positively for the presence or odor of a narcotic or other controlled substance on the Package. "Weston" is a properly trained and certified narcotics-detection canine.

7. Based on my prior law enforcement training and experience as a United States Postal Inspector, the Package's address information, including (i) no known association between the sender and return address, (ii) the Package being sent from a known source location to an area of known drug activity and (iii) the positive alert of the narcotics-detection canine are all indicative of and consistent with Drugs and/or Proceeds in the Package.

Therefore, a search warrant to open the Package is requested.

Further, your affiant sayeth naught.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph L. Rossiter
Postal Inspector

United States Postal Inspection Service

12th November

Subscribed and sworn to and before me this ____ day of _____, 2021.

HONORABLE SHARON L. OVINGTON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE





UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

PITTSBURGH DIVISION

OFFICER AFFIDAVIT

I, Officer Jeremy Stewart, am and have been employed by the Dayton Police Department since 2014. Among other duties, I am currently the assigned handler of narcotics detection canine "Weston" which is trained and certified in the detection of the presence or odor of narcotics described as follows:

Marijuana, Cocaine, Methamphetamine, and Heroin

On 11/12/21, at the request of Postal Inspector ROSSITER, I responded to the

DAYTON P&DC, where "Weston" did alert to and indicate upon: [describe item]

9505 5150 6986 1313017841
Conner Cook Frederick Johnson
2452 Santa ana ave 37 S. Burnett
Costa Mesa CA 92627 Springfield OH
45505

Which, based upon my training and experience and that of "Weston", indicates there is contained within or upon the above described item, the presence or odor of a narcotic or other controlled substance.

[Signature], 28948, 11-12-21
(Signature, Badge #, and Date)

[Signature] 11/12/21
(Witness/Date)